

Congressman Pence gave the following speech from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, setting the record straight on the amount of tax increases contained in the Democrat-proposes "health care reform" bill:

His remarks, as prepared for delivery:

"The American people know we need health care reform in this country but thanks to House Republicans and a handful of Democrats in Congress, the American people have been given a reprieve on the Democrat plan to enact a government takeover of health care paid for with more than \$800 billion in new taxes.

"Now, that tax increase number has been disputed in the past 24 hours so I thought I'd pull the stats.

"According to the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation, the House Democrat reform bill includes \$543 billion in the surtax on high income filers, \$208 billion in increased taxes on businesses, an additional set of tax increases - international tax increases, they're referred to - \$37 billion. More taxes on benefits - \$2 billion. Taxes on individuals who do not purchase bureaucrat-approved health insurance - \$29 billion.

"So, the total amount of tax increases included in the Democrat bill according to official estimates, \$820.1 billion over 10 years. The chance for the American people to know what's in this plan and to come back and pass health care reform without more government and more taxes? Priceless.

"Let the debate begin."

